(a) whether Government has decided to provide Rs. 2546 crore under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to help textile sector which is reeling under the impact of global slump in demand;

(b) if so, whether around 12,500 people will be benefited from the fund and money would be distributed electronically through 121 leading institutions including banks;

(c) whether in addition, Government has constituted a 41 member working group to formulate the National Fibre Policy; and

(d) to what extent this group has examined to promote the fibre equality as to ensure the balanced growth of the entire textile?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) and (b) The Government has released an amount of Rs.2576 crore under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) in respect of 12514 applications in the current financial year (upto 19.11.2009).

(c) The Government constituted a Working Group on National Fibre Policy *vide* order dated 29th July 2009, initially comprising 41 members. The Working Group has now 72 members.

(d) The Working Group in its meeting held on 07.9.2009 constituted 8 Sub-Groups to examine the issues relating to balanced growth of various fibres. None of the Sub-Groups finalized their report so far.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Notification of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

II. **Report and Accounts (2008-09) of the JKDFC, Jammu and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. (i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce) Notification G.S.R. 760 (E), dated the 16th March, 2009, publishing the Rubber (Amendment) Rules, 2009, under sub-section (3) of Section 25 of the Rubber Act, 1947.

[Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 762/15/09]

(ii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce) Notification G.S.R. 443 (E), dated the 23rd June, 2009, publishing the Tea Board (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Directors of Tea Promotion appointed by Government) Amendment Rules, 2007, under sub-section (3) of Section 49 of the Tea Act, 1953.

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(iii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry under sub-section (2) of Section 49 of the Special Economic Zone Act, 2005, together with Statement of Objects and Reasons and Statement of Explanatory Notes:

(a) Draft Notification F.No.C.3/9/2008-SEZ, dated Nil, December, 2009, proposing to exempt the setting up offsite Automated Teller Machines and branches by banks in Special Economic Zones, not concerned as offshore Banking Units; from the provision of clause (v) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005.

(b) Draft Notification F.No.D6/12/2009-SEZ, dated Nil, December, 2009, proposing to exempt Special Economic Zones from the requirement of obtaining distribution licence.

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(iv) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), under sub-section (2H) of Section 29B of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951:

(a) S.O. 2155 (E), dated the 24th August, 2009, publishing the Newsprint Control (Amendment) Order, 2009.

(b) S.O. 2156 (E), dated the 24th August, 2009, publishing the Newsprint Control (Amendment) Order, 2009.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir Development Finance Corporation Limited (JKDFC), Jammu, for the year 2008-09, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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Notification of Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Sir, I lay on the Table, under Section 77 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G.S.R. 682 (E), dated the 16th September, 2009, publishing the National Disaster Management Authority (Group A Posts) Recruitment Rules, 2009.

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